S/N 10/033,575

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

LIAMOS ET AL.

Examiner:

M. PATEL

Serial No.:

10/033,575

Group Art Unit:

3761

Confirmation No.:

9713

DECEMBER 28, 2001

Docket No.:

12008.42USC1

Filed: Title:

SMALL VOLUME IN VITRO ANALYTE SENSOR AND METHODS

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.6(d):

I hereby certify that this paper is being transmitted by facsimile to the U.S. Patent

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b))

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is not provided because it was previously cited by or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in parent application, U.S. Serial No. 09/434,026 filed on November 4, 1999. Specifically, Examiner Olsen cited it in a Form 892 mailed with the Office Action dated May 6, 2002.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully Submitted,

MERCHANT & GOULD P.C. P.O. Box 2903 Minneapolis, MN 55402-0903 (612) 332-5300

Date: <u>Sept 4.</u> 2002

By

Mara E. Liepa

Reg. No. 40 066

SEP-04-02

04:49PM

FROM-Merchant & Gould

6123329081

T-450 P.004/004 F-478

Sheet I of I

Date Faxed: September 4, 2002

FORM 1449* INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

IN AN APPLICATION

(Use several sheets if necessary)

Docket Number: 12008.42USC1

Application Number: 10/033,575

Applicant: LIAMOS ET AL.

Filing Date: December 28, 2001

Group Art Unit: 3761

	<u> </u>	1	U.S. PATENT DOCUMEN		EVIDGI ACC	EII D'C	DATE
EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	NO. DATE NAME		CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE	
	4,714,874	12/1987	Morris et al.				
			<u> </u>				
·							
		-				<u> </u>	
		-					
		1					
			OREIGN PATENT DOCUM				
	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
						YES	NO
	11-108879	04/1999	Japan			~	
	OTT	IER DOCUMEN	TS (Including Author, Title, I	Date, Pertinent Page	es. Etc.)		
	T						
						_	

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

DATE CONSIDERED EXAMINER

EXAMINER: Initial If reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form for next communication to the Applicant.

^{*}Substitute Disclosure Statement Form (PTO-1449)